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WHEREAS all Merchants, Commanders of Ships, and others who have Commiſſions or Letters of Marque, or Commiſſions for private Men of War againſt the Enemy, are, by the 21ſt Article of the Inſtructions deliver'd to them with their Commiſſions, obliged from Time to Time to obſerve all ſuch other Inſtructions and Orders as Her Majeſty ſhall think fit to direct: And whereas Her Majeſty, for the better carrying on of Her Service, has thought fit to add the Additional Inſtruction hereafter inſerted; all Perſons concern'd are to take Notice thereof, and to conform themſelves to the ſame accordingly.

*THAT all Priſoners which ſhall be taken abroad by any Ship having Letter of Marque, or Commiſſion for private Men of War, and which ſhall be afterwards obliged to put into any Foreign Port, ſhall be delivered to the* French *Conſul or Agent there, whoſe Receipt is to be demanded and taken for them, expreſſing not only their Names, but their Quality; except ſuch Priſoners only as the Commanding Officer of ſuch private Man of War, or Ship with Letters of Marque, ſhall think proper to bring home to be examined, in order to the Condemnation of any Prize wherein ſuch Priſoners ſhall be taken; the which Receipts are to be tranſmitted, by the very firſt Opportunity which ſhall preſent, to Her Majeſty's Commiſſioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and the Exchange of Priſoners of War, at their Office in* Weſtminſter, *the better to enable them to demand from Time to Time, from the ſaid Officers of the* French *King, the like Number of Priſoners, Her Majeſty's Subjects, in lieu of them. But in caſe there ſhall be no* French *Officers at the Foreign Ports where the aforemention'd Ships ſhall arrive, that then the like Receipt be taken from the Commanding Officer of the Prize-Ship whereunto the Priſoners to be put on Shore at the ſaid Ports ſhall belong, and tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners for the Exchange of Priſoners of War, as aforeſaid.*

*Vienna, Dec.* 28. *N. S.* Orders are given throughout the Hereditary Countries for raiſing the Recruits demanded of them with all poſſible Expedition. The Levies for the Infantry exacted from this and the other Provinces amount to 20000 Men: To compleat that Number, each Country is to bring in its Proportion according to the following Regulation: There will be raiſed in Upper Auſtria 1158 Men, in the Lower Auſtria 2314, in Moravia 2176, in Stiria 868, with Money for raiſing 868 more; and in Carinthia 1013: Carniola is to pay a ſufficient Sum for raiſing 723. 4033 are demanded from Sileſia, beſides a Sum of Money for levying 319 more: The other 6528 Men are to be raiſed in Bohemia. Theſe Men are to be brought into the Service compleatly cloathed, with Swords on, and receive their Fire-Arms from the Emperor. Several of our General Officers from Hungary and the Upper Rhine are arrived at Court, in order to aſſiſt in the Conſultations relating to the enſuing Campagne. The Count of Caſtelbarco, Adminiſtrator of the Dutchy of Mantua, has publiſh'd his Imperial Majeſty's Edict, whereby the Duke of Mantua, in aſſiſting the Enemies of the Empire, is declared to have forfeited his Dukedom; his Subjects abſolved of their Obedience to him, and required within a limitted Time to take the Oath of Fidelity to the Emperor and Empire. The Cardinal of Saxe-Zeits is returned to Presburgh. A Courier arrived here yeſterday from Barcelona, who left that Place on the 30th of November. At his Departure from that Court the two Armies were in Winter Quarters: The greater Part of the Infantry of King Charles's Army lay between Tarragona and Tortoſa, and the Cavalry in Barcelona and the adjacent Country.

*Berne, Dec.* 31. On the 29th Inſtant the great Council of this Republick, after a long Debate, reſolv'd unanimouſly to grant the 4000 Men Count Metternich demanded for the Defence of the Principality of Neufchatel; and order'd that Number of their Troops to march as ſpeedily as poſſible to their own Frontiers on that Side, ſo as to be ready to enter the Country on the firſt Alarm. In the mean time they are ſending Deputies to view the Borders of Neufchatel on the Side of Franche Comté, that they may find out the moſt convenient Paſſes for defending the Entry into the Country, and diſpoſing their Troops in the moſt advantagious manner. They have alſo written a Letter to the French King, to know his laſt Reſolutions upon that Subject. Our lateſt Advices from Neufchatel tell us, That the French are in motion in Franche Comté.

*Falmouth, Dec.* 29. On the 27th Inſtant came in here the Concordia of and from Norway, Erick Johnſon Maſter, and the Jacob of and from Rotterdam, John Soldade Maſter, bound for Rochel. This Day came in the Unicorn of and from Fluſhing, John Richards Maſter, bound for the Streights.

*Dartmouth, Dec.* 30. Yeſterday, by the Extremity of Weather, a ſmall French Veſſel of about 20 Tuns, with five Men only, in Ballaſt, was driven over from the French Coaſt into Torbay, and there ran on Shore, in order to ſave their Lives in Binham Peer, where ſhe was ſeiz'd on for the Lord High Admiral. She came from Sebaſtian, and was bound for Rotterdam. The Men are to be ſent to Plimouth. The two Dutch Privateers bound to cruiſe, and the Doggers bound for Ireland and France, are ſtill detain'd here by the ſtormy Weather. A Dutch Privateer of above 50 Guns came in this Day from Sea, and is gone for Torbay.

*Plimouth, Dec.* 30. On the 27th Inſtant came in two Swediſh Veſſels in Ballaſt, bound for France. This Day ſail'd Her Majeſty's Ships the Kent, Mary, Auguſt, Salisbury, the Tartan and Charles Galley, with the Eagle and another Victualler, and the Morton Galley, for Spithead.

*Yarmouth, Dec.* 31. Her Majeſty's Ships the Mermaid and Lime, with a Fleet of Merchant Ships under their Convoy, bound for Holland, ſail'd this Day out of our Road.

*Portſmouth, January* 1. Yeſterday Sir John Norris, on board Her Majeſty's Ship the Exeter, ſail'd from Spithead, with the Guernſey, Briſtol, Monk, Canterbury, Burlington, Warwick, Hampſhire, Greyhound, and Oxford, which ſail'd directly out of the Harbour to join them, having under their Convoy the Virginia Fleet, and ſeveral Ships bound Weſtward. They were out of Sight of this Port before the Evening, and the Wind continues ſtill fair. There are at Spithead Her Majeſty's Ships the Naſſau, Northumberland, Sunderland, Adventure, Tilbury, the Rye and Experiment Gallies, the Hunter Fireſhip, with two Dutch Men of War, part of the Convoy for the Lisbon Fleet.

*Deale, January* 2. All the outward bound Veſſels ſail'd laſt Night to the Weſtward, under the Convoy of Her Majeſty's Ships Ranelagh, Eſſex, Le Firme, Aſſurance, and Alborough. Here remain Her Majeſty's Ships the Revenge, Shrewsbury, Nottingham, St. Albans, Newark, Angleſey, Newcaſtle, with the Goſport; which laſt came in this Morning.

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